



Renville County

STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-27

November 29-30, 2021



Mission

Renville's County's Mission is to keep and enhance the quality of life for our family of citizens through services, stewardship of resources, and shared responsibility. The condensed version of the Mission statement is: Service – Stewardship – Shared Responsibility.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.



Renville
COUNTY
Service • Stewardship • Shared Responsibility

RENVILLE COUNTY VISION FOR 2021-27

Enhancing Mobility and Commerce

In 2027 Renville County has quality, reliable, and safe roads



In 2027 Renville County has a strong, diversified economy



Engaging Partners & Residents for Improvements

In 2027 Renville County is working together to enhance (quality) services for all



In 2027 Renville County has citizen involvement in community decisions



Building a Thriving Community

In 2027 Renville County has an assessable, green community with an energy friendly environment



In 2027 Renville County has a vibrant, safe, and healthy community to experience life



Expanding Housing and Daycare

In 2027 Renville County has housing to serve life-long livability



In 2027 Renville County has adequate, affordable daycare



The Visioning process looks out into the foreseeable future and imagines what is possible. The Renville County Leadership team and Elected officials invited County-wide input and participation into looking to the future to describe the broader community they wanted to continue or create. The statements below are stated as the outcome of work that will be started or is currently underway. The vision is intended to be a long-lasting aspiration that may never be fully realized but always moving toward.



This strategic direction recognizes the connection between reliable infrastructure and building and maintaining the economy.

GOALS

- Upgrade the capacity and quality of the County road system and internet
- Build a strong, diversified economy



What is your home internet speed?

The Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition is conducting a statewide crowd-sourced internet speed testing initiative.

The goal of this project is to create an accurate statewide map of where internet service is available and what speeds people are currently receiving.

TAKE THE TEST IN ONE MINUTE OR LESS!

www.mnruralbroadbandcoalition.com/speedtest

First Year Actions

1. Cost analysis on internet install to fill the gaps: ARP / Jan 22
2. Implement fed stimulus funding strategy: ARP, Board / Start Feb 22
3. Convene with schools, cities, townships to update current internet plan: Cmsr Erickson/ April 2022
4. Accelerate planning for road projects: Board/ Jul 2022
5. Internet accessibility and speed research project: EDA/ July 2022

3-4 year Desired Outcomes

1. Everyone in the County has access to high-speed internet or satisfactory to people's needs
2. Current fiber infrastructure is fully utilized
3. Increased number of business startups and expansions
4. All available sites for development are cataloged
5. Economic development efforts are well-coordinated across all agencies

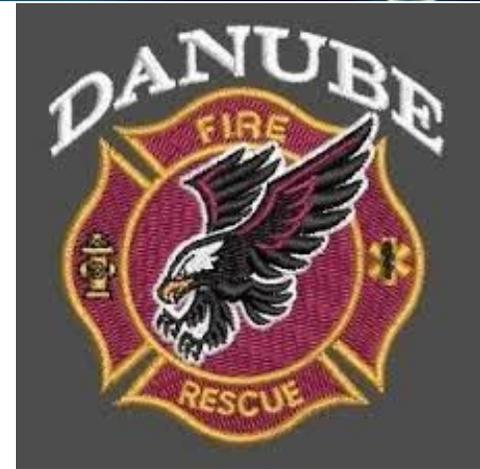
Engaging Partners & Residents for Improvements



As the County continues to encourage and deliver services at a high level in times with shrinking resources, it is imperative to work across political boundaries to be effective. Collaboration on services, projects, and planning is no longer a nice idea, it is a necessity.

GOALS

- Improve services through cooperation and coordination
- Seek innovation grants that will award the County's efforts to combine efforts



First Year Actions

1. Two communities share services
2. County facilitate emergency services collaboration: EM/ Dec 2021
3. Promote the accessibility of attending board meetings: Admin, Board/ Mar 2022
4. County convenes cities, schools discussion toward coordination: Admin / June 2022
5. Pursue possibility of a professional grant writer: Admin/ Start June 2022
6. Hire a community facilitator: Admin / July 2022
7. Have 2-3 fire depts share staff/training resources to create model for others: EM/Sept 2022

3-4 year Desired Outcomes

1. Local governments are collaborating in new ways
2. Joint fire collaboration
3. Schools designing for needs of students together
4. Diverse representation on board with multiple applicants
5. Awareness of grants and increased number of grants awarded (Area receiving more grant dollars)



Building a Thriving Community



County Parks Winter Recreational Activities



Building a thriving community requires a feeling of safety, availability of healthy activities, connecting with nature, amenities for spending time enjoyably, healthy food security and staying current with technology needs.

GOALS

- Establish state of the art EC charging stations in strategic locations
- Expand trail systems within and between parks to create links
- Provide food opportunities to those who cannot meet their own needs
- Promote the beauty and opportunities that exist in the County
- Develop a recruitment and retention plan for peace officers
- Bring people back to become contributing members of the community

First Year Actions

1. Showcase restorative justice successes: RJ / Feb 2022
2. Establish EV committee to investigate possibilities EDA, Electric Companies, Cities and Townships/ Feb 22
3. I.D. \$ and partners to host EV charging stations: GW/ Q1-Q4 2022
4. Develop recruitment and retention program for public safety: EM, Sheriff, HR/ Oct, 2022
5. Create trails within the parks: Parks, Comm Spec, Fairfax City Admin / Aug 2022
6. Develop County-wide visitors guide: EDA, Cities, Comm Spec / Dec 2022
7. Form parks and trail-system collaborative group to complete trail plan (and seek money): Parks, GW / Dec 2022
8. Install I-net service at the parks: Board, Parks/ May 2023
9. Connect 2 parks via trails: Parks, HWY, ES and GW / 2023
10. Mobile food shelf is running: Hospital, SHIP Coord, Food Shelf and Board, CCT / November, 2023
11. Food deserts initiative (to address access issues for healthy food): SHIP, EDA, Cities, Community members / June 2023

EM = Emergency Management
HR = Human Resources
Board = County Board
EDA = Economic Development Authority
ARP = American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Cmte

RC = Renville County
GW = Grant Writer
Parks = Parks Dept.
ES = Environmental Services
Admin = Administration
RJ - Restorative Justice

3-4 year Desired Outcomes

1. EV charging stations strategically located in community
2. County-wide, multi-use trail system in place
3. Internet service extending into parks
4. Improved opportunities/ amenities @CO Parks
5. Expanded patrol
6. Expanded and enhanced restorative justice programs
7. Increased access to healthy food
8. Partnerships developed to support community assets access
9. County-wide amenities are promoted collaboratively
10. Increased community health and wellness support by County



Expanding Housing and Daycare



For the area to be competitive and seek new residents and businesses, a variety of housing and increased daycare are needed.

GOALS

- Increase the number of daycare providers to meet the needs of the area
- Increase housing to attract and retain residents and businesses



First Year Actions

3-4 year Desired Outcomes

1. Daycare needs study: Cmsr Snow / Jan 2022
2. Review childcare models: Cmsr Snow / Mar 2022
3. Assess each City's current long-range plan: Solid Waste Admin / Jun 2022
4. Revitalize open buildings in downtown (transition housing): Econ Dev Coord / Jul 2022
5. Encourage cities to replicate residential abatement program: Econ Dev Coord / Jul 2022
6. Pursue Utilization of tax forfeited parcels for housing development: Cmsr Snow, Admin, EDA / Nov 2022
7. Replicated 4-pod family daycare model: Fairfax City Admin/Sep 2023
8. Ordinance changes to encourage development: ES Director/ 2023

1. At least 50 more daycare spots open
2. Additional building sites for multi-housing
3. Blighted property replaced with higher quality housing
4. Vacant property downtown is used for housing



A photograph of the Renville County Courthouse, a large brick building with a prominent dome and classical architectural features. The building is surrounded by green trees and a clear blue sky with some clouds. A sidewalk leads towards the building, and there are some orange traffic cones in the foreground.

Renville County

The Renville County Board of Commissioners and Staff invite you to be involved, build the community, and share your views. The Strategic Plan is intended to be an invitation to join in as much as to inform. We welcome your involvement!

Want more Information?

<https://www.renvillecountymn.com/index.php>

A small blue icon of the state of Minnesota, with a white outline of Renville County.

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